

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS H
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the import of dairy products during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is huge stock of dairy products in Indian markets imported on cheaper rates from Western Countries;
- (c) if so, whether quantitative restriction on import of dairy products has been lifted as reported in Navbharat Times dated April 12, 2006;
- (d) if so, the details and facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the domestic dairy industry and the farmers ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The value of import of dairy products is as under-

Value in Rs. lakhs

2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 (Apr-Sep)

6161.22 12920.51 5136.29 1261.74

(b) to (d) : No case of alleged dumping of dairy products has been received. Quantitative restriction on dairy products had been removed since 1st April, 2001 to fulfill the WTO obligation.

(e) : The import duty on skimmed milk powder (SMP) and whole milk powder (WMP) had been enhanced from zero to 60% with annual tariff rate Quota of 10000 MT with both lines together at 15% duty after negotiations under Article XXVIII of GATT. The import duty on butter oil has also been enhanced to 40% to ensure that the farmers of the country are not put to any hardship. Further the Government has put in place a mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items including dairy products.